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Hydel Power Project in Kashmir

3024. SHRI SURENDRA PAL PATHAK: Will the Minister of POWER AND NON-CONVENIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) the extent of work completed so far on Dulhasti Hydel Project being set up in Kishtwar in Kashmir;

(b) whether the Government propose to complete the said project before the scheduled time; and

(c) if so, by when?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI KALP NATH RAI): (a) Design for all the major components of Dulhasti Hydroelectric Power Project has been finalised. The diversion tunnel has been completed and the river diverted on the 17th of March '91 to enable excavation and construction of main dam and head race tunnel. Excavation of the main dam has been partially completed and concurring started in Jan. '92. Excavation and boring of head race tunnel has been processing satisfactorily and so far more than 1000 mt. has been completed. Work on excavation for power house is also in progress.

(b) and (c). The projects is expected to be commissioned by July, 1994 as per schedule.

Electronic Telephone Exchanges in Country

3025. SHRI CHHEDI PASWAN: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the State-wise number of computerised/electronic telephone exchanges set up in the country so far;

(b) whether the Government propose to set up more such telephone exchanges in the country particularly in Bihar during the current year; and

(c) if so, the names of the cities where these telephone exchanges are likely to be set up?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P.V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) Statement laid on the Table of the House.

(b) & (c). Yes Sir. During 1991-92 upto December, 91, 1431 electronic exchanges have been added in the country In Bihar, upto February 1992 a total of 92 Electronic Exchanges have been set up to March '92 in Bihar:

1. Dulsingsarai
2. Sutanganj
3. Bermo
4. Bagha
5. Barharwa
6. Ghatsila
7. Jhajha
8. Naugchia
9. Sheikhpura
10. Madhupur
11. Raneshwar
12. Madhepura.